

HARBOR OF HAVANA TO GIVE UP SECRET

Care Will Be Exercised in
Raising Wreck of Battle-
ship Maine.

ENGINEERS FAVOR COFFER DAM PLAN

Hulk to Be Carefully Examined to
Ascertain Manner of
Destruction.

Was the battleship Maine blown up by explosives applied from the outside or was her destruction due to an internal explosion? Was the sinking of the American warship on the never-to-be-forgotten night of February 14, 1898, due to deliberate design, or was it the result of an accident?

These questions, which have been pondered by the American people for twelve years, while the wreck of the Maine lay on the sea bottom at the mouth of Havana harbor, are soon to be answered. Congress has appropriated \$100,000 for the preliminary work of raising the Maine and has called upon the Secretary of War to have the task performed.

Secretary Dickinson will pass the matter over to General Marshall, chief of the engineer corps of the army, and the engineers will tackle a problem that is a little different from that ordinarily attaching to the removal of wrecks.

Explosives Barred.

If the question of raising the Maine were purely one of clearing the entrance to the harbor it would be a simple matter of the amount of dynamite needed. But there is more, much more than that to be considered. Not only does the world want to know how the destruction of the Maine was accomplished, but there are the remains of a number of sailors inside her hull that should be placed with the rest of the dead from the ill-fated vessel who lie buried in the little cemetery just outside Havana.

Therefore the chief of engineers will lay down the proposition that the Maine is to be brought to the surface of the water in just the shape she bears as she lies on the bottom of the harbor. After she is raised she probably will be taken to the nearest dry dock and thoroughly examined by Navy Department officials. All the army engineers have to do is to raise the ship.

It is likely that in raising the Maine the engineers will adopt what is known as the coffer dam method. This involves surrounding the wreck with a water-tight fence, to use plain terms, and pumping the water out of the inclosure. The Maine lies in thirty-five feet of water. Her masts appear above the surface. Steel piles are so arranged that they are practically interwoven and the crevices left are filled with other material, that renders the structure water tight.

May Cost Half Million.

The \$100,000 appropriated by Congress is but a preliminary sum. It is probable that the entire work will cost half a million dollars or more. As soon as the bill is signed by the President and the Secretary of War is ordered to have the Maine raised, General Marshall will select a member of the Engineer Corps to take charge of the task. He will visit the scene of the wreck, send divers down to examine it, and make preliminary estimates.

It is almost a foregone conclusion that a contract will be let to some wrecking company, which will do the work under the direct supervision of the engineer in charge.

In the absence of formal notification, General Marshall has taken no steps and no mention has been made of the name of the officer who will have charge of the task.

McCUMBER IS BETTER.

The condition of Senator Porter J. McCumber of North Dakota, who has been ill at the Garfield Hospital for several weeks, is slightly improved today, and his attending physician says that he looks for a gradual improvement in his condition from now on. The Senator was allowed to sit up a few minutes yesterday afternoon and received several callers.

IN AUTOMOBILE SMASH



LLOYD C. GRISCOM,

President of Republican County Committee, Hurt in Accident in New York.

GRISCOM, INJURED, GOES TO FUNERAL

Badly Bruised In Automobile Mishap, Refuses to Go Home.

NEW YORK, May 2.—While Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the Republican county committee, Mrs. Griscom and John Boyle, Jr., secretary of the committee, were on their way to the funeral of Ferdinand Eldman, at 51 Seventh street, a westbound cross-town car in Fifty-ninth street crashed into their automobile at Fifth avenue, driving it up against a hydrant on the sidewalk, crushing the radiator, breaking off one of the wheels and causing other damage.

None of the party was thrown out of the machine, but Mr. Griscom's leg was cut and bruised. Although suffering great pain he refused to go home, summoned a taxicab and went on to the funeral. It was said that the motorist could not stop his car, because the rails were slippery, and that the automobile skidded on the damp asphalt, the emergency brake being powerless to hold back the car. No arrests were made.

CEMENT PRODUCTION IS ON THE INCREASE

Preliminary estimate by the United States Geological Survey shows that the production of Portland cement during the year 1909 increased at least 20 per cent over 1908, or 50,227,000 barrels, valued at \$8,557,000. The production of natural cement shows a decrease of about 100,000 barrels, valued at \$45,000. Puzzolan cement shows a slight increase, about 100,000 barrels having been produced, valued at \$39,453, as compared with 151,451 barrels, valued at \$35,498, in 1908.

Swift & Company's sales of fresh beef in Wash., D. C., for the week ending Saturday, May 7, averaged 11.56 cts. per lb. Adv.

DEALERS MAY STOP SUNDAY FISH SALES

Capital In Class By Itself In
This Respect, Says
Mr. Stuart.

"In the wholesale fish business, Washington is in a class by itself, and is the only city that I know of that receives and sells fish on Sunday," said George W. Stuart, one of the Washington dealers, today. "We are anxious to change this condition, but as yet nothing definite has been accomplished."

Mr. Stuart said that commission dealers in fish have talked the matter over this season and have come nearer an agreement to refrain from Sunday business than ever before, though the question has been annually talked of for a number of years.

That this city stands alone in its Sunday fish business is borne out in the opinion of Mr. Stuart by the weakness of prices on that day. Baltimore, Richmond, and Philadelphia refuse con-

signments of fish on Sunday and the result is that a large number come to Washington and are disposed of at low prices. The movement to end the Sunday trading is as much in the interest of prices to the fisherman and the dealer as in the desire to do away with work on the first day of the week.

If an agreement can be finally reached by the wholesale dealers the Sunday receipts of fish will not be stopped until after the close of the shad season, which ends June 1, with an extension of ten days on the time allowed the dealers to dispose of the stock they have on their hands. Eleven of the biggest dealers will be concerned in the agreement to put Washington in the same class with the cities whose fish dealers observe Sunday.

"GAS PROBLEM."

The "gas problem" in Washington will be the subject of a general discussion at the meeting of the Northeast Citizens' Association in Northeast Temple, Twelfth and H streets northeast, tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Reports of a number of committees also will be made.

WILL MEET TONIGHT.

The following councils of the National Union will meet tonight: Pressmen, at Eagles' Hall, and East Capitol, at Jennings' Hall.

\$2.25 to Cincinnati, Ohio, and Return Baltimore & Ohio, May 8th to 16th—valid for return until May 16th. Three through trains daily without change.—Adv.

FUNERAL ARRANGED FOR GIRL SUICIDE

Coroner Nevitt Issues Certificate
In Death of High School Graduate Who Drank Poison.

Funeral services for Miss Lottie Lewis, who ended her life yesterday by drinking a quantity of carbolic acid, will be held at the family residence, 121 D street northwest, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A victim of melancholia, Miss Lewis, who was eighteen years old, had become despondent because of ill health. She was subject to fainting spells, and believed she had an incurable heart disease. She was a graduate of the Business High School.

While her mother, Mrs. C. M. Lewis, was at church yesterday, Miss Lewis went to her room and swallowed the poison. She was dead when her mother found her. Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate of suicide.

Mrs. Lewis, the girl's mother, has been a contributor to several magazines for the last few years.

Popular Excursion, Baltimore and Ohio R. R., May 15th. \$1.00 To Harpers Ferry, Charlestown, Summit Point, Sta. Rochester, and Winchester, and return. Special train from Union Station, 5:30 a. m., returning same day.—Adv.

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